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1. ☒ The amendment filed on Aug 20, 2003 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
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- d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

Correction and/ or addtion of claims once a patent has issued, are not subject to an amendment under 37 CFR 1/312 subject matter. No amendment may be made as a matter of right in an application after the mailing of the notice of allowance. Any amendment filed pursuant to this section must be filed before or with the payment of the issue fee, and may be entered on the recommendation of the primary examiner, approved by the Commissioner, without withdrawing the application from issue. Applicant may file an reissue application, file a certificate of corrections or petition to have the issue considered further.

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